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Inquiry: After reviewing the RCPA, we understand that unlicensed or non-certified individuals who deliver prescribed respiratory home care equipment may set up, calibrate, instruct on its use as a treatment device, and demonstrate for the patient, family, or caregiver as long as the individual has obtained adequate training and demonstrated competence under the supervision of a duly licensed health care practitioner. Is this interpretation correct?

Response: The RCB classifies the task you listed as Classification 3B; which is nearly verbatim from the Respiratory Care Practice Act and prohibited.

Section 3702 of the RCPA defines the practice of respiratory care in California and the qualifications of those who may practice respiratory care.

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